

## United States District Court

## Central District of California

JS-3

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs.

Docket No. 8:23-cr-00006-FLA-1

Defendant Melahat Rafiei

Social Security No. 7 5 0 5

akas: Melahat Nazair

(Last 4 digits)

## JUDGMENT AND PROBATION/COMMITMENT ORDER

In the presence of the attorney for the government, the defendant appeared in person on this date.

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## COUNSEL

Jennifer J. Wirsching, Retd

(Name of Counsel)

## PLEA

☒ **GUILTY**, and the court being satisfied that there is a factual basis for the plea. ☐ **NOLO** ☐ **NOT**  
**CONTENDERE** **GUILTY**

## FINDING

There being a finding/verdict of **GUILTY**, defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense of:  
**Attempted Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 1349, as charged in the single-count Information.**

JUDGMENT  
AND PROB/  
COMM  
ORDER

The court asked whether there was any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the court, the court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that: **Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the court that the defendant, Melahat Rafiei, is hereby committed on the single-count Information to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of six (6) months.**

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100, which is due immediately. Any unpaid balance shall be due during the period of imprisonment, at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a total fine of \$10,000, which shall bear interest as provided by law.

The sum of \$5,000 shall be paid immediately. Payment of the balance shall be due during the period of imprisonment, at the rate of not less than \$50 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. If any amount of the fine remains unpaid after release from custody, monthly payments of at least \$500 shall be made during the period of supervised release. These payments shall begin 90 days after the commencement of supervision.

The court recommends the Bureau of Prisons evaluate the defendant's eligibility for the 500-hour residential drug abuse program known as RDAP, conduct a mental health evaluation of the defendant, and provide all necessary treatment.

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of three (3) years under the following terms and conditions:

1. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the United States Probation & Pretrial Services Office and Second Amended General Order 20-04, including the conditions of probation and supervised release set forth in Section III of Second Amended General Order 20-04.
2. The defendant shall participate for a period of six months in a home detention program, which may include electronic monitoring, GPS, Alcohol Monitoring Unit, or automated identification system, and shall observe all rules of such program, as directed by the Probation Officer.
3. The defendant shall pay the costs of Location Monitoring to the contract vendor, not to exceed the sum of \$12.00 for each day of participation. The defendant shall provide payment and proof of payment as directed by the Probation Officer.

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4. During the period of community supervision, the defendant shall pay the special assessment and fine in accordance with this judgment's orders pertaining to such payment.
5. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant.
6. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from custody and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed eight tests per month, as directed by the Probation Officer.
7. The defendant shall participate in an outpatient substance abuse treatment and counseling program that includes urinalysis, breath or sweat patch testing, as directed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall abstain from using alcohol and illicit drugs, and from abusing prescription medications during the period of supervision.
8. During the course of supervision, the Probation Officer, with the agreement of the defendant and defense counsel, may place the defendant in a residential drug treatment program approved by the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office for treatment of narcotic addiction or drug dependency, which may include counseling and testing, to determine if the defendant has reverted to the use of drugs. The defendant shall reside in the treatment program until discharged by the Program Director and Probation Officer.
9. The defendant shall participate in mental health treatment, which may include evaluation and counseling, until discharged from the program by the treatment provider, with the approval of the Probation Officer.
10. As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant shall pay all or part of the costs of the court-ordered treatment to the aftercare contractors during the period of community supervision. The defendant shall provide payment and proof of payment as directed by the Probation Officer. If the defendant has no ability to pay, no payment shall be required.
11. The defendant shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, inheritance, judgments, and any other financial gains to the court-ordered financial obligation.
12. The defendant shall submit the defendant's person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers, cell phones, other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, email accounts, social media accounts, cloud storage accounts, or other areas under the defendant's control, to a search conducted by a United States Probation Officer or law enforcement officer. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation. The defendant shall warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. Any search pursuant to this condition will be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner upon reasonable suspicion that the defendant has violated a condition of her supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation.

The court authorizes the U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office to disclose the Presentence Report to the substance abuse treatment provider to facilitate the defendant's treatment for narcotic addiction or drug dependency. Further redisclosure of the Presentence Report by the treatment provider is prohibited without the consent of this court.

Defendant is informed of her right to appeal.

The court recommends to the United States Bureau of Prisons that the defendant be housed within Orange County, California, or otherwise within the Central District of California, to facilitate contact with family.

It is further ordered that the defendant surrender herself to the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons at or before 12 noon, on **September 26, 2025**. In the absence of such designation, the defendant shall report on or before the same date and time to the United States Marshal's Service located at the First Street Courthouse, 350 W. First Street, Third Floor, Suite 3001, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Exceptional circumstances apply that justify allowing the defendant to remain on bond between now and the time of self-surrender. The exceptional circumstances include her performance on pretrial release, assistance to the government, and lack of criminal history. The bond shall be exonerated upon self-surrender.

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In addition to the special conditions of supervision imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the Standard Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release within this judgment be imposed. The court may change the conditions of supervision, reduce or extend the period of supervision, and at any time during the supervision period or within the maximum period permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke supervision for a violation occurring during the supervision period.

August 25, 2025

Date



FERNANDO L. AENLLE-ROCHA, United States District Judge

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver a copy of this Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order to the U.S. Marshal or other qualified officer.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

August 25, 2025

Filed Date

By



Deputy Clerk

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The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below).

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE**

While the defendant is on probation or supervised release pursuant to this judgment:

1. The defendant must not commit another federal, state, or local crime;
2. The defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district of residence within 72 hours of imposition of a sentence of probation or release from imprisonment, unless otherwise directed by the probation officer;
3. The defendant must report to the probation office as instructed by the court or probation officer;
4. The defendant must not knowingly leave the judicial district without first receiving the permission of the court or probation officer;
5. The defendant must answer truthfully the inquiries of the probation officer, unless legitimately asserting his or her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination as to new criminal conduct;
6. The defendant must reside at a location approved by the probation officer and must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before any anticipated change or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change in residence or persons living in defendant's residence;
7. The defendant must permit the probation officer to contact him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and must permit confiscation of any contraband prohibited by law or the terms of supervision and observed in plain view by the probation officer;
8. The defendant must work at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons and must notify the probation officer at least ten days before any change in employment or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change;
9. The defendant must not knowingly associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and must not knowingly associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer. This condition will not apply to intimate family members, unless the court has completed an individualized review and has determined that the restriction is necessary for protection of the community or rehabilitation;
10. The defendant must refrain from excessive use of alcohol and must not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
11. The defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
12. For felony cases, the defendant must not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon;
13. The defendant must not act or enter into any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as an informant or source without the permission of the court; and
14. The defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer to implement the orders of the court, afford adequate deterrence from criminal conduct, protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner.

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☒ The defendant must also comply with the following special conditions (set forth below).

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

The defendant must pay interest on a fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the court waives interest or unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth (15th) day after the date of the judgment under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(1). Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g). Interest and penalties pertaining to restitution, however, are not applicable for offenses completed before April 24, 1996. Assessments, restitution, fines, penalties, and costs must be paid by certified check or money order made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court." Each certified check or money order must include the case name and number. Payments must be delivered to:

United States District Court, Central District of California  
Attn: Fiscal Department  
255 East Temple Street, Room 1178  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

or such other address as the court may in future direct.

If all or any portion of a fine or restitution ordered remains unpaid after the termination of supervision, the defendant must pay the balance as directed by the United States Attorney's Office. 18 U.S.C. § 3613.

The defendant must notify the United States Attorney within thirty (30) days of any change in the defendant's mailing address or residence address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments are paid in full. 18 U.S.C. § 3612(b)(1)(F).

The defendant must notify the court (through the Probation Office) and the United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay a fine or restitution, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). The court may also accept such notification from the government or the victim, and may, on its own motion or that of a party or the victim, adjust the manner of payment of a fine or restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). See also 18 U.S.C. § 3572(d)(3) and for probation 18 U.S.C. § 3563(a)(7).

Payments will be applied in the following order:

1. Special assessments under 18 U.S.C. § 3013;
2. Restitution, in this sequence (under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid):
  - Non-federal victims (individual and corporate),
  - Providers of compensation to non-federal victims,
  - The United States as victim;
3. Fine;
4. Community restitution, under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(c); and
5. Other penalties and costs.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant must provide to the Probation Officer: (1) a signed release authorizing credit report inquiries; (2) federal and state income tax returns or a signed release authorizing their disclosure and (3) an accurate financial statement, with supporting documentation as to all assets, income and expenses of the defendant. In addition, the defendant must not apply for any loan or open any line of credit without prior approval of the Probation Officer.

When supervision begins, and at any time thereafter upon request of the Probation Officer, the defendant must produce to the Probation and Pretrial Services Office records of all bank or investments accounts to which the defendant has access, including any business or trust accounts. Thereafter, for the term of supervision, the defendant must notify and receive approval of the Probation Office in advance of opening a new account or modifying or closing an existing one, including adding or deleting signatories; changing the account number or name, address, or other identifying information affiliated with the account; or any other modification. If the Probation Office approves the new account, modification or closing, the defendant must give the Probation Officer all related account records within 10 days of opening, modifying or closing the account. The defendant must not direct or ask anyone else to open or maintain any account on the defendant's behalf.

The defendant must not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500 without approval of the Probation Officer until all financial obligations imposed by the court have been satisfied in full.

These conditions are in addition to any other conditions imposed by this judgment.

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I have executed the within Judgment and Commitment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant noted on appeal on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant released on \_\_\_\_\_

Mandate issued on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant's appeal determined on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons, with a certified copy of the within Judgment and Commitment.

United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Marshal**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby attest and certify this date that the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Filed Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk**FOR U.S. PROBATION OFFICE USE ONLY**

Upon a finding of violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
U. S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness\_\_\_\_\_  
Date